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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed in this application after appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, but prior to a decision on the appeal. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the appeal has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 and prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on March 15, 2005 has been entered.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-6, and 8-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schulz Jr. et al. (US 5,654,362) in view of Drechsler et al. (US 6,071,503) and in further view of applicants' admission and Fowler et al. (US 5,534,265).

Schulz Jr. et al. teach the silicone elastomer powders herein employed. The elastomer powder are made by crosslinking silicone-containing precursors (see col. 2, lines 1-59). The silicone oils include polymethylsiloxane, also known as dimethicone (see col. 4, lines 28-45). Common ingredients to be used with the elastomers of Schulz include propylene glycol (see col. 5, lines 1-5). Glycol functional siloxane fluids are taught as useful with the elastomeric compositions, (see col. 4, lines 45-55). Schulz Jr. et al. teach that the compositions are useful for various personal and facial cleansers and that they function as color cosmetic removers (see col.

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7, lines 41-60). Additionally, Schulz Jr. et al. teach that the compositions are useful as delivery systems for oil and water-soluble substances such as vitamins. Table I includes an emollient (see col. 6, lines 44-67). Further, Schulz Jr. et al. teach composition comprising the elastomers as powder (see column 2, lines 11-21, examples III, col. 7, lines 34-60 and claim 12). The elastomer as cosmetic ingredient provide a variety of benefit to cosmetic composition. See, particularly, cols 7-8.

Schulz Jr. et al. do not teach expressly method of makeup removal that specifically includes transfer resistant makeup as well as composition that include a substrate as a tissue.

However, Drechsler et al. teach transfer resistant cosmetic compositions. The compositions of Drechsler contain a silicone gum or resin base (see the examples 1 and 2, col. 15, line 20 through col. 16, line 30). Drechsler et al. teach that the compositions may be removed by applying petrolatum or a dimethicone-based cosmetic remover to the skin or lips and rubbing the area gently with a tissue (see col. 15, lines 15-18).

It would have been prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the claimed invention was made to incorporate the silicone elastomer disclosed by Schulz into a petrolatum or dimethicone-based cosmetic remover in order to benefit from the removal of transfer resistant makeup as taught by Drechsler. As to the particular amounts the elastomer herein or the viscosity herein claimed, note the optimization of a result effective parameter, e.g., the optimal amounts of a cosmetic ingredient or the viscosity of a cosmetic composition, is considered within the skill of the artisan. See, In re Boesch and Slaney (CCPA) 204 USPQ 215. Further, the employments of old and well-known cosmetic ingredients, such as propylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, or dimethicone copolyol in a personal cleansing composition deems

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obvious. Applicants admit in the specification that the dimethicone copolyol herein employed is known in the art see page 17, herein. Fowler et al. also disclosed that examples using propylene glycol and dimethicone copolyol in personal cleansing composition. See. Particularly examples 2 and 8. As to the limitation "non-spherical" it is noted that Schulz Jr. et al. do not particularly require the powder to be spherical. The use of non-spherical would be within the purview of a skilled artisan possessing Schulz's teaching.

Response to the Arguments

Applicants' amendments and remarks submitted March 15, 2005 have been fully considered, but are not persuasive for reason set forth above.

4. In response to applicant's argument that there is no suggestion to combine the references, the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, the teaching suggestion and motivation are found both in the cited references and in the general knowledge available to one of ordinary skill in the art. Particularly, Schulz Jr. et al. particularly teaches the silicone elastomer powders are useful for cosmetics removal. Schulz Jr. et al. particularly teach that the elastomer may be blended with other cosmetic fluids (col. 7, line 35-40). Drechsler et al. disclosed that it is known to use solvent based compositions, such as dimethicone or petrolatum for transfer resistant cosmetics removal. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, to incorporate the elastomer into

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dimethicone or petrolatum for transfer resistant cosmetics removal with a reasonably expectation to enjoy the benefit disclosed by Schulz.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shengjun Wang whose telephone number is (571) 272-0632. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan, can be reached on (571) 272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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